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REDS IN EAST PRUSSIA

Rennes Falls Before Powerful Yank Drive

Nazi Front Said Crumbling Before British Offensive

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—American troops, continuing their powerful drive south, captured Rennes, known as the capital of the Brittany Province, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

The current offensive took the Americans approximately 30 miles past Pontorson, which fell yesterday, to the vital communication center.

This advance marked the deepest penetration yet made by the Allies in France and placed them at a point approximately 100 miles south of Cherbourg.

Other American troops meanwhile have liberated the famous island of Mont St. Michel. The Medieval town and monastery are reported to be intact.

From the British sector comes word that street fighting is raging in Vire, nerve center of the German positions on the central front. The approach to the town of St. Pois widens the Allied corridor east of Avranches to 14 miles, and once again word from the forward CPs is, "There seems to be no organized resistance."

Rommel's entire French front from Villers Bocage to the south is reported by a Reuter's correspondent to be disintegrating under the

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McNair Was Killed By American Bomb

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—An American bomb dropped short of its goal caused the death of Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former commander of the Army Ground Forces, the Army disclosed today.

General McNair was killed in Normandy on July 25. His death occurred during an intensive aerial bombardment which cleared a path for the breakthrough of American forces now storming Brittany.

A report by General Dwight D. Eisenhower said: "Full investigation developed the fact that General McNair died as a result of the explosion of one of our own bombs."

An earlier report said he had died from enemy fire. However, last week it was revealed that 50 planes of a combined bombardment force of the 8th and 9th AAF dropped bombs in an American sector. Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, 9th AAF commander, said casualties were less than had at first been believed. General McNair, in Normandy as an observer, was one of those killed by this premature release of bombs.

Polish Chief, Molotov In Moscow Conference

LONDON, Aug. 3—Prime Minister Stanislaw Mikolaczek of the Polish government-in-exile has conferred with the Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, Moscow dispatches reported today. The Polish Prime Minister told correspondents last night that the interview lasted half an hour and the atmosphere was very friendly. He added that he expected to see Marshal Stalin shortly and also hoped to meet some of the leaders of the Polish Liberation Committee formed in Moscow.

Latest Secret Weapon Revealed In France

LONDON, Aug. 3—The latest German secret weapon—a Junkers bomber filled with explosives and operated by a pilot in a Messerschmitt joined to the top of the Junkers to form a composite plane—has been destroyed over Normandy.

The bomber has all the forward guns removed and the space in the nose is filled with explosives. When fire or fighters prove dangerous, the Messerschmitt fighter can set the bomber on its fixed course, then break away to make his escape.

Turkey To Liberate Political Prisoners

LONDON, Aug. 3—Turkey, rid of her diplomatic and economic ties with Germany, set about cleaning house today.

The Grand National Assembly rushed through a bill granting amnesty to nationals of Great Britain, United States and the Soviet Union who are political prisoners or accused of breach of security.

George Pavloff and Leonid Korniloff, who were imprisoned for an alleged attack on the German Ambassador Franz von Papen in February, 1942, will be released tomorrow.

Ambassador von Papen, who suffered the greatest diplomatic defeat of his career, left for Germany last night by plane. After him will go the inflated embassy and consular staff which Germany has maintained there for espionage and propaganda purposes.

Late last night the German Overseas News Agency issued a statement on the break with Turkey. The Nazi statement carried no bellicose warnings but was rather given in an injured tone. The communiqué said that "Turkey has abandoned her traditional policy of friendship" and was now entering upon a path which "robs her of freedom and independence of action."

Ham Fish Wins Despite Dewey - Willkie Protests

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—Rep. Hamilton Fish, veteran of many a political rough and tumble political fight during his 24 years in Congress, added another victory to his record today—renomination by the Republicans of New York's 29th District over the opposition of Presidential nominee Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Wendell Willkie.

With tallies in from 252 of 278 districts in the 29th, Fish had 13,977 votes to 10,894 for his opponent, Augustus W. Bennet. He must still face Bennet, Newburgh lawyer, in the November elections, because Bennet already holds the Democratic and American Labor Party nominations. Bennet may also run as an independent Republican candidate.

Fish came out on top despite Governor Dewey's accusations that he had raised religious and racial issues by being quoted as saying the Jews were generally for Roosevelt's New Deal. Willkie also blasted at him for using such tactics, offering to defend Maxwell Anderson when Fish threatened to sue the noted playwright for signing an advertisement allegedly charging Fish with anti-Semitism.

The renomination of Fish was

Krauts Infiltrate Back Across Arno; Advances Checked

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 3—The Germans are finding holes in the middle of the 5th Army line big enough to send rather sizeable infiltration parties across the Arno, it was apparent from today's official reports which told of two clashes on the south side of the river, and further "important" advances on the front south of Florence.

It was reported today that 200 enemy infantrymen who crossed the river were found forming for an attack northeast of Pontedera, but that they were dispersed by 5th Army artillery. A sharp patrol clash west of Cascina, also on the south bank of the Arno, was announced along with several other enemy attempts to cross the river east and west of Pisa. In every case the Kraut efforts came to naught, official reports said. But there was a feeling here that the enemy's aggressiveness could not be taken lightly.

Nothing was being taken lightly on the Florence front where the Krauts showed no signs of abandoning the policy of fighting tenaciously for every hilly inch.

For yet another day the distance between the 8th Army and Florence showed little change. But at last Strada in Clanti, on the secondary road running parallel with Highway 2, and about seven miles due south of Florence, was captured by a Guards Brigade operating with South Africans. Other troops, pushing north from San Michele and La Romola, both scenes of now-you-have-it-now-you-don't fighting, captured commanding features at La Poggiona and a hill to the west in fierce fighting in which many prisoners were taken.

However, the Germans appeared to retain a tight grip on a 13-mile line from Faltignano, eastward through Impruneta and Monte Massa, to Incisa, on Highway 69. Today's reports placed British

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Border Town Falls; Reach Baltic Sea

LONDON, Aug. 3—Soviet armies crashed into East Prussia today on the 42nd day of their great summer offensive, destroying forever Adolf Hitler's once-proud boast that Allied troops never would set foot on German soil.

In a routine communique, the Russians announced capture of the East Prussian border town of Vistoytis, 25 miles southwest of Marimpoie in Lithuania and only 100 miles southeast of the Prussian capital of Königsberg.

News of the Soviet entry into the Reich came as Moscow announced that Soviet armies had reached the Baltic Sea at a point 25 miles west of Riga in Latvia.

With the Russians at the Baltic only the sea lanes remained open for possible escape of the German 16th and 18th armies—estimated at 350,000 men—isolated in Latvia and Estonia. Escape by sea, however, appeared virtually impossible in the face of overwhelming Russian air and naval superiority.

As another German disaster rivaling that of Stalingrad appeared in the making, Soviet troops strengthened their positions east and northeast of Warsaw and heavy Russian guns and cannon-firing Stormoviks battered Nazi defense positions in the besieged Polish capital.

Farther south, Marshal Van Konev's troops, driving west of Jaroslav and Przemyśl, drove closer to Cracow and the borders of Czechoslovakia after breaking through German defenses on a wide arc and capturing more than 150 inhabited places. As the Russian drive continued in this sector, the Germans were faced with the choosing between a retreat into the Carpathian foothills, uncovering Silesia, or falling back west and uncovering Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

In Washington also, the Finnish reorganization was regarded as preliminary to a determined effort on part of Finland's leaders to get their country out of the war regardless of the cost, the Associated Press said.

The Finnish radio late yesterday threw further light on the presidential change when it explained that in the present "increasingly difficult and fateful political conditions," it is desirable that the supreme military and civil powers should be combined in one man.

Neutral circles pointed out that Marshal Mannerheim is acceptable to the Russians as a negotiator, especially in view of the fact that he has long realized the futility of Finland's military resistance against Russia.

In line with the days developments were unconfirmed reports reaching Stockholm that the Germans have started to evacuate southern Finland. It was stated that the troops are being shipped to East Prussia.

Tropic Hurricane Hits North Carolina Area

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 3—A tropical hurricane which struck the Wilmington shipyards and resort area last night caused property damage estimated at 2,000,000 dollars. No loss of life was reported, but ten persons were hospitalized.

Small shacks were blown down at nearby Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches. Police Chief Bruce Valentine of Carolina Beach said damage there approximated a million dollars, while City Clerk R. L. Benson estimated damages of 500,000 at Wrightsville Beach. Fish houses and docks were destroyed and several houses unroofed and utilities paralyzed at Southport, 25 miles north of Wilmington.

The hurricane was accompanied by a torrential rain. An 80 mile per hour wind lashed the region.

The Weather Bureau reported the storm had hovered for four days several hundred miles off the Atlantic Coast and then moved inland in a north-northwestward direction with diminishing intensity.

500 Heavies Lash At Friedrichshafen

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 3—More than 500 American heavy bombers today attacked industrial targets near Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance and bridges and viaducts on the Brenner Pass line from Italy to Germany with only one group running into any enemy opposition, it was announced late this afternoon. Returning crewmen reported good hits at the Dornier-producing Manzell aircraft factory, two miles west of Friedrichshafen, which were last attacked on July 18 and 20.

The Tactical Air Force, concentrated yesterday on targets in southern France.

Three flights of French-flown Marauders and Mediterranean-based Mitchells, making their first appearance over the French Mainland, participated in the operations, and consensus of returning crewmen was that the flak reception was "no worse than we've been getting in Italy." No Mitchells were lost in the operation, but ten Allied planes were missing from all missions which included heavy bomber raids on targets in France and Genoa.

The French-flown Marauders hit a road bridge east of Gilette over the Esteron River, 15 miles northwest of Nice. Another span over the Esteron was hit at least three times by an American-flown Ma-

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-- MAIL CALL --

For Which Duration

Dear Editor:

Apparently, no one has the slightest idea when we will be discharged or under what circumstances.

Our enlistment period is stated in nice evasive terms—"duration plus six months." But that is the duration of the emergency and if our memory isn't failing we had a government-declared "emergency" in 1932.

Recently, you printed an article showing that a returning service man has a job preference on his old job, if he applies within 40 days after discharge. It further states that his seniority has continued and that a subsequently hired employee must be displaced to re-employ him on his old job.

And over and above all, he is eligible for unemployment compensation for a period of 13 weeks under the Social Security Act if his job is no longer in existence.

This doesn't coincide with the "Fortune" poll. I know neither one expresses the opinion of The Stars and Stripes since you try to remain unbiased.

Apparently, every political crackpot in the U. S. is using the soldier as a political football to garner votes. To the parents and wives of service men, the soldier is put on a pedestal to enslave our loved ones back home to vote for him, while the same politician gives the service men a swift kick in the posterior to spellbind the 4-Fers into coming into his camp.

However, it does show there is a damn big muddle about the whole thing back home.

Some of these fellows with kids one or two years old want to know if they'll see them graduate from high school, and the rest of us would like to know whether we are going to be 30-year men or not.

—T-5 Gerald F. Wilke

Don't Bother Them!

Dear Editor:

We are two GIs in a combat rifle outfit. Our problem: First of all, my buddy, Beely, is an assistant truck driver, rifle grenadier, first scout and a machine gunner. We are always picked upon to do a detail when one comes up. And I'm an assistant in every case.

Details come up so thick that we can't even get the chance to speak to the chaplain. Please advise us on what we can do to straighten things out.

—Julius Novar

Pup tent Poets

Interlude

Beside a woodland pool a dreamer stood;
T'was twilight and the crimson orb sank low,
When visions of a strange enchanted wood
Like Vallombrosa's leaves began to grow.
Before his tired eyes to him appeared
A Muse, more fair than Orpheus endeared.
This vision fair her lovely head inclined;
A smile suffused her face, then came a sigh
Of gladness as she searched the sky to find
Instead of Stygian darkness stealing nigh,
The fluorescent moonlight softly gleam
And twinkle brightly on the woodland stream.
She lightly touched a shoulder of pure jade,
And letting fall her robe—a wisp designed

Lounge Lizzards

Dear Editor:

Recently I read in the papers that hotel owners in Los Angeles were protesting because the Army had requisitioned three of the largest hotels to be used as distribution centers for soldiers returned from overseas duty.

The hotel owners complained that this happened in the middle of the vacation season when they are swamped with business.

It must be a shame if the hotel owners can't make a few extra dollars in these hard times.

It seems to me that the hotel owners would prefer the soldiers to remain overseas until after the vacation season.

I suggest that President Roosevelt step in just the way he did during the coal strike.

I'm sure that everything would work out well if he could do this.

—Cpl. Raymond Adams

CIR. 271

Dear Editor:

After reading the current War Department circular 271, dated 3 July, 1944, I feel that all "commissioned doughfeet" have a justifiable gripe coming.

The circular reads "enlisted personnel . . . shall receive 10 dollars per month" for having received the Combat Infantryman's badge. I quite agree that they should receive that amount, but what of officers? If Air Corps officers receive flight pay, why shouldn't we receive the extra ten bucks for sticking our necks out, too?

—Lt. James P. Kusy

Rations

In Tuesday's paper we said that we were under the impression that front-line troops will soon be receiving the same PX rations free which are sold to soldiers in the rear areas. Now we understand from a 5th Army spokesman that arrangements will soon be completed so that front-line troops will continue to receive the cigarette and match ration free but will be allowed to purchase, through unit exchanges, other articles of rations which are available at the time. It is felt, said the spokesman, that the front-line soldier will be better satisfied if he is allowed the opportunity to buy what he wants when available, as does the rear echelon soldier, than to have something given to him that he may not want.—Editor.

Biddle's Gls, Film On Rome Hits At Home

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEW YORK—A documentary film on "The Liberation of Rome," and a book by artist George Biddle, well known in the Mediterranean theater, were previewed here last week, both gaining favorable comment.

Biddle, of the Philadelphia Biddles and brother of Attorney General Francis Biddle, is a noted artist. He is not a young man, yet from April until December, 1943, he plodded about the Mediterranean front, often with front-line troops, filling notebooks with sketches.

Originally assigned under the Army Art Program, the 59-year-old Biddle stayed on after its discontinuation as a battlefront artist for Life Magazine. Out of his experiences he has written "Artists at War."

It is not an art book, for the portraits and sketches are secondary to the text, written in the form of a diary. He paints with his words also; his description of personalities is sharp and concise.

So are his conclusions: Biddle says he prefers infantry privates to the majority of their officers. He says that "our noneoms are better educated than the generals." He found our troops in Italy slowly transforming into a professional army, and a cautious one. (Biddle is a veteran of the First World War, serving overseas.) He insists that the American soldiers are brave, resourceful and likeable, but that they lack gallantry, the dashing self-sacrifice and the conviction that inspired their ancestors in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Colleagues Unspared

Nor does this artist, who has had over 50 one-man shows in the capitals of prewar Europe as well as America, spare his colleagues. Most of them impress him as "hard, shallow and as impenetrable as the surface of a mirror." He claims that "correspondents rarely live with the troops."

Perhaps those who saw Biddle in the Mediterranean will be surprised at his vigor and bluntness as shown in his book. Less surprised than many will be various battalions of the 3rd Infantry Division, with whom the artist lived for weeks at a time. The doughboys were always semi-jokingly complaining that Biddle showed up on the skyline and calmly began sketching, where upon the Germans would immediately reply with artillery and mortar fire.

"The Liberation of Rome," a two-reeler produced by the Army Pictorial Service in collaboration with British Service Film Units, is a chronological history of the Italian campaign from the landings at Calabria to the capitulation of Rome.

Salerno Footage

The picture included Nazi films showing Luftwaffe activities at Foggia and also secretly shot anti-Fascist films of the Nazi evacuation of Rome. Extensive footage is devoted to the crucial days after our landings at Salerno.

The joining of the British 8th and American 5th Armies below Salerno, and the junction of the main and beachhead forces near Anzio are also recorded. Rome sequences show the long line of American soldiers streaming past historic sites, and of Pope Pius XII giving his blessing to the assembled throng in thanksgiving for the city's escape from destruction.

Another literary note concerns The Stars and Stripes—of the last war. Secondhand book dealers have reported a sudden demand in requests for bound volumes of the soldiers 1918-1919 paper in France. Col. John Winterich, now chief review officer of the Bureau of Public Relations in Washington and World War I staff member of Stars and Stripes, said that bound volumes are now worth at least 250 dollars.

Dorothy Dix Escape

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 3 — Dorothy Dix, 82-year-old adviser to the nation's lovelorn, was resting today in a hospital after what her physician and brother termed a miraculous escape from death beneath the wheels of a city bus. She is known in private life as Mrs. Elizabeth Meriwether Glimmer.

BACHELOR'S 123RD



For 123 times the Flying Fortress "Bachelor's Delight" has been in combat missions over enemy territory. And here, Sgt. Yue Lee, a Chinese-American lad from San Francisco, a waist gunner, proudly chalks a big "123" on the Fort after its return to its 15th AAF base in Italy. (MAAF Photo)

Red Army Reaches Door Of Junkers' Stronghold

East Prussia, first German soil entered by the Russian Army, was left an island of German territory by the first World War. It is separated from the rest of the country by the once bitterly contested and now German-occupied "Polish corridor." East Prussia is about twice the size of New Jersey with a prewar population of around two and a half millions.

East Prussia, long Germany's largest and most powerful state, has been the stronghold of the "Junkers" class of militaristic landed aristocracy. This group, holders of vast estates, clung to its feudal rights until legislation in the middle of the 19th Century finally abolished serfdom. Since then the Junkers have continued to be a force for reaction in national life, although their power is somewhat curtailed by the German Republic set up after the World

War and limited by Nazi encroachment later. So dominant is the militarism of Prussia—the nation that unified Germany and gave it Hohenzollern emperors—that the very word has come to mean arrogance, ruthless discipline, and conquest.

Fronting on the Baltic Sea, East Prussia lies in one of Europe's perennial trouble spots.

Its separation from Germany in 1919 in order to provide a sea outlet for the postwar Polish state was a source of continuous German agitation and friction with Poland. With the rise of Nazism, East Prussia became an important field for the early development and extension of its economic and political ideas. On one hand, the Nazis undertook to create jobs in an area handicapped by large estates and poor soil—which had a large unemployment problem. On the other hand, they worked toward the recovery of Germany's territories lost during the war.

Five months before the attack on Poland and the beginning of World War II, Nazi Germany regained the Lithuanian-held port of Memel and the surrounding district. By this acquisition, East Prussia's sea front was pushed northward cutting Lithuania to a narrow Baltic outlet of less than 20 miles. In Memel itself the Germans took from their neighbors their only ice-free port.

Russian occupation of eastern Poland in September, 1939, brought Soviet authority to the southeast boundary of East Prussia. Then the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union in 1941 drove the Russians far away from German soil.

Today East Prussia—in the path of the Soviet advance through Lithuania and northern Poland—offers a potential route into northern Germany and Berlin. The western boundary of the separated Prussian province is only 230 air miles from the German capital. Two main railways lead through East Prussia to Berlin.

Considered as a battleground, East Prussia consists in the north of rolling plains fringed by coastal dunes, in the south there is a plateau with some hills over 1,000 feet high. The chief physical features affecting military defense are the many lakes, swamps, and wooded areas of the south. The province's capital and leading city is Königsberg on the north-central coast. It had a prewar population of nearly 370,000.

Early in the first World War, Allied strategy included invasion of East Prussia by the Russians in order to draw off German troops from the hard-pressed western front. Russian forces were making considerable progress until the disastrous battle near Tannenberg in the southwest section of the province. In this struggle an apparent German defeat was turned into victory by General Paul von Hindenburg, recalled from retirement.

When In Rome —Today—

USO show "The Male Animal," Eliseo Theater, Via Nazionale; 1900 hours through Saturday; Matinee Saturday 1400 hours. No tickets required. "The Wotnots," ENSA musical comedy at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater, Largo Argentina. No tickets required.

ENSA Super-Cinema, Via Vininale and Via Agostino Depressis; Newreel program of Normandy invasion. Continuous from 1230 hours. Last performance about 2000 hours. No tickets required.

Visit the ARC EM Club, Cassina della Rose. Conducted tours at 0930 hours and 1430 hours plus daily activities. Tonight at 1900 hours Wally Seaman and his 5 Jives.

ARC Movie Houses: Barberini, Piazza Barberini, 1500, 1700, 1900 hours, "Happy Lands"; Augustus, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, continuous 1100 through 2100 hours, "Swing Shift Maizie."

Polish Club, open 1300 to 2100 hours, 235 Via Panisperna.

Catholic club for Allied forces, Via della Conciliazione. Tours of Vatican and Rome daily.

Royal Opera House, Il Rigoletto, Italian artists; 1730 Saturday. Tickets on sale at box office.

Symphony concerts, Adrian's Theater, Corso Cavour, Friday and Sunday at 1800 hours.

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430. 1800-2030 hours:

Ristorante Roma, 35 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto.

Restaurant for American Officers, Nurses and uniformed guests; open 7 Via Parma.

American Officers' Club open 1630 to 2200. Dancing, Rupe Tarpeia, 13 Via Veneto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours.

War Art Exhibition—Canada Club, 1000 to 2100 hours.

Dies Seeks Action Against CIO Group

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—Rep. Martin Dies (D., Tex.) threatened today to seek House action unless the Justice Department within 30 days files charges of election law violations against the CIO Political Action Committee and the government officials who he said were aiding it.

Attorney General Francis Biddle already has looked into the CIO group's activities and reported he found no evidence of violations. Dies said he would recommend that Biddle prosecute under the Hatch Act which restricts political activity by government officials. He said he would also ask that Biddle prosecute the CIO PAC under the Smith-Connally Act's prohibition against labor organizations contributing to campaign funds in elections involving federal office holders.

"Unless the Attorney General acts on these recommendations on the basis of the evidence turned over to him, I will recommend our committee (House Committee on Un-American Activities) draft legislation to divorce the government from the CIO."

Dies said he would make it a penitentiary offense for a government employee to be officially connected with the Political Action Committee or any similar organization.

The PAC has been active in Congressional election campaigns and several incumbents it has opposed have already been defeated, among them two members of the Dies committee. The PAC was openly out to defeat Dies at the time he announced he would not seek re-election "because of poor health."

King Back In England After Visit To Italy

LONDON, Aug. 3—King George has returned to England today after his trip to the Mediterranean theater, Reuter's reported. He arrived by plane from North Africa, dressed in the khaki uniform of field marshal, looking fit but a little tired. It was revealed that the King, concluding his tour of the Italian front, ordered all Royal Navy ships and stations to "splice the mainbrace," which gave all enlisted men a double-hic-ration of rum.

Circus Opens In Ohio But Without Big Top

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 3—Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus came to town today minus the "Big Top," lost in the Hartford, Conn., fire of July 6 when 166 persons died. The show opens in Akron's Rubber Bowl Friday, starting a series in stadiums and ball parks.

LOST AND FOUND

Here's another of these lost girls we're always running across. We have the strayed photo. Do you recognize the dolly?

S-Sgt. Rubin Epelbaum is trying to locate his uncle, Mr. Benedick, who is at present employed by an Allied office. Benedick is the brother of Sgt. Epelbaum's mother and comes from Poland.

Recently, at the Hotel Excelsior, a lieutenant asked for Dr. Joseph E. Cacioppo, one of the medical students stranded in Rome during the war. Dr. Cacioppo is anxious to learn who was inquiring about him. He can be reached at 42 Via della Maddalena, Entrance 2.

Fourteen-year-old Augusto Zecchini has disappeared from his home and believed joined with an American unit. His parents are very anxious to learn his whereabouts.

LOST

The following articles have been reported lost:

Wallet containing a photo of a beautiful Texas girl black hair, black eyes, rosy lips. Keep the money. Keep the wallet. Pvt. John Underhill.

Leica camera model IIIa, number 234750, taken from peep in front of PRO hotel, 31 July. Leather case marked Lt. Grady E. Clay, Jr., YANK.

Benrus 17-jeweled gold frame watch, with leather band. Plexiglass crystal, black dial with luminous hands and numerals. Cpl. Vincent J. Mandile.

Fifteen rolls of film, left in a car. Albert L. Lord.

Between Naples and Rome, officer's leather and canvas zipper bag, containing battledress and other cloth-

Buster, The Cat, Gets A Neat Hundred Gees

DEDHAM, Mass., Aug. 3—Woodbury Rand, a lawyer in Brookline, the fashionable Boston suburb, left 100,000 dollars for the benefit of his eight-year-old tiger cat Buster in a will filed in probate court today.

Rand cut off seven relatives to whom he had originally bequeathed 20,000 dollars, explaining he revoked the gifts "because of their contemptuous attitude and cruelty toward my cat."

Rand left 60,000 dollars for the shelter and maintenance of the cat and 40,000 to Margaret T. Thompson, his former housekeeper, to be used for Buster's welfare.

CIO Fires Chief Of Detroit UAW

DETROIT, Aug. 3—The executive board of the CIO United Automobile Workers today tossed Nestor Dessy, president, and all other officers of striking Local 235 out of office and called upon 7,000 union members to return to their jobs at the General Motors Chevrolet plant here.

R. J. Thomas, international UAW president, said Melvin Bishop, executive board member for Detroit's east side, would run the local union "until restoration of normal conditions." Thomas explained the dismissals were ordered because the board felt the officers in charge of the Local had failed "to exert themselves sufficiently in compliance with the no-strike pledge to the federal government."

Edward W. Miller, Commissioner of Conciliation for the Department of Labor, announced that the dispute involving 2,300 Montgomery Ward and Company employees which closed three stores had been settled and discharged workers had been reinstated.

Archbishop Will Say Quezon Requiem Mass

ROME, Aug. 3—A Pontifical Requiem will be held for the late President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines at the American Catholic Church, Santa Susanna, near the Grande Hotel, at 10 AM Saturday, with Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York presiding.

Miss LeHand Rites

SOMERVILLE, Mass., Aug. 3—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was among the mourners who today attended the funeral services for Miss Marguerite Alice LeHand, 46, who for 20 years was the personal secretary to President Roosevelt. The rites were held at St. John's Catholic Church in North Cambridge.

State Racing Proposed

HELL BENT FOR ELECTION



Racing just as furiously as the two nags above on the Rockingham Park track, New Hampshire Democrats are heading into what many believe will be one of the biggest controversies in racing this year. The Dems say the State ought to run the track as a monopoly.

Democrats In Favor Of State Monopoly At Rockingham Park

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 3—The State Democratic Convention went on record Tuesday as favoring the seizure of Rockingham Park at Salem and the operation of the race track as a state monopoly.

"It is our belief that if racing is to continue as a necessary part of our State economy, the state should have complete management even as now it successfully manages the traffic in hard liquor," one of the platform's planks said.

"We feel that there is no doubt that our citizens who are opposed to gambling will feel that if it must be legalized, then the best way is for the State itself to employ a commission of absolute integrity to operate the racetrack business."

The plank calls for a State appropriation of track property by right of eminent domain and also proposes a referendum on the question.

Bums Sign Chapman To Help As Hurler

BROOKLYN, Aug. 3—Old Ben Chapman, who broke into organized baseball in 1928, has been signed by the Dodgers as a pitcher. As player-manager of the Richmond Colts in the Piedmont League this year, the former Yankee, Indian and Senator outfielder, now 36, had switched from the outfield to the pitching mound when his club hit the skids early in the campaign of weak hurling. He had a record of 13 wins and 5 losses.

Branch Rickey, Dodger president, said Brooklyn had paid a "healthy figure" for Chapman, who will be used as a pitcher with the Dodgers and also sent rookie pitcher Clyde King to Richmond on option as part of the deal.

As an outfielder with the Yankees, Chapman led the American League in stolen bases in '31, '32, '33 and repeated in '37 as a member of the Indians.

Garden Bowl Taken Over As Post Office For Army

NEW YORK, Aug. 3—The Army has taken over the famed Madison Square Garden Bowl, the outdoor area in Long Island City. It will be used as an Army Post Office, especially for the handling of overseas Christmas mail.

The Stadium is famous as a jinx for boxing champions since Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Primo Carnera and Max Baer all lost their heavyweight titles and Barney Ross twice dropped his welterweight crown there.

Baseball Scores

Because of poor atmospheric conditions, our regularly cabled sports results from the States didn't arrive in time for this edition. We'll keep you posted domani.

13 Million Dollars Raised By Title Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 3—Sales soared today to more than 13 million dollars as boxing fans continued to buy tickets for tomorrow night's bond bout between Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, and Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., at Madison Square Garden.

Besides many fight fans who are buying bonds to witness the fourth meeting of Montgomery, present New York State lightweight champion, and Beau Jack, former titleholder, there are thousands of fans buying bonds who will turn the tickets over to hospitals in the metropolitan area for wounded servicemen.

Sixty seats at 100 grand apiece, 88 at 50 grand and 104 at 25 grand were sold up to today and no count was available on the sales of smaller bonds.

Promoter Mike Jacobs predicted 18,000 fans would see the fight, each buying bonds of 100 thousand dollars down to 25 dollars. No estimate on the grand total was made but approximately 50 million dollars in bonds is expected out of the bout.

Beau Jack and Montgomery, offering their services free, are both army privates, the former stationed at Ft. Benning and the latter at Keesler Field, Miss.

Great Lakes Wins

GROSSEILE, Mich., Aug. 3—The Great Lakes Naval Training Station baseball team won their 35th victory in 36 games yesterday, blanking the Roselle Naval Base nine, 10-0, behind the eight-hit twirling of Bill Brandt, former Pirates' moundsman, and Schoolboy Rowe. Albie Glossop and Dick West, former big leaguers, hit homers for Great Lakes.

HERE'S THE PAYOFF

Q. Did Joe Louis hold the heavyweight championship when he fought Max Schmeling the first time?

—Cpl. Seaman, Pfc. Shipp

A. No. Joe was knocked out by Schmeling June 19, 1936, and didn't take the title from Jimmy Braddock until June 22, 1937.

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Q. How many of baseball's all-time immortals are enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.?

—1st-Sgt. H. M.

A. 27.

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Q. Who holds the official world's record for the 100-yard dash?

—S-Sgt. Ahrens, Pvt. Morgan

A. Frank Wykoff and Jesse Owens, 9.4 seconds. Clyde Jeffrey also is credited with a 9.4 clocking, but because of the war, his mark, set in 1940, has not been recognized by the I.A.A.F. which has not met since 1939.

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Q.—What two teams boast the longest unbroken college football rivalry in the United States?

—Sgt. W. W. N.

A.—Lehigh and Bucknell. Since 1889, when their rivalry started, the Lehigh Engineers and the Blons have played 77 games.

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Q. What year was Knute Rockne killed in an airplane crash?

—Cpl. Eugene Heinze

A. 1931.

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Q. In what round did Joe Louis knock out Abe Simon in their first fight?

—Pfc. Finkelstein

A. Louis kayoed Simon in the 13th round of their first fight March 21, 1941, in Detroit.

Bad Thrower Now Stars on Mound

CLEVELAND, Aug. 3—Steve Gromek, Cleveland Indians rookie righthander who was a lame armed shortstop a couple of years ago and moved about the field in the minors because he couldn't throw to first is regarded in some quarters today as the best rookie pitching prospect to reach the majors since Bobby Feller arrived.

That's high praise indeed but twice already this season the blond Pole has flirted with a no hitter and each time his hopes were blasted in the eighth inning. Monday night he had two down in the eighth when Roy Partee, Red Sox catcher bingled a single and he lost the ball game in the next inning when his supporting cast fell down on him. He pitched

seven hitless innings against Washington July 2 and stopped the Yankees cold for six innings last Tuesday.

A native of Hamtrack, Gromek was optioned to the Fargo-Moorhead Cleveland farm in the Northern League in 1940 where he lost no time in becoming the sad sack of the baseball field. In the first place he couldn't throw, and secondly his right arm stiffened up and he was forced to hit left-handed.

Later in the season he was transferred to the Flint Club in the Michigan State League and there his arm trouble yielded rapidly to Flint's sultry climate. Before the season was over his throwing was the talk of the league.

One day at Flint he was summoned to the pitcher's box to rescue a Flint hurler who was being maltreated by the opposition. From then on he was a pitcher.

He considers his lame arm experiences in 1940 as the break of his baseball career. He was with Baltimore in the International League last year and won 16 games.

Without his break as a pitcher Gromek doubts that he would have made the big leagues as soon as he did.

"I was only a fair hitter," he said. "And if I had remained an infielder or outfielder I probably would not have gotten another chance in the big leagues for several years."



ing, with officer's record book. Lt. David Stern, RE.

Agfa camera, 620, left in ACC garage. T-Sgt. James W. Lemaster.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

(Name of the person being sought is printed in bold face.)

Pvt. C. Brenner, Pvt. Jacob Brownstein; Glen M. Casner, George L. Foster; Sigmund and Leopold Haar, their cousin, Irving Kopp; Pvt. C. Brenner, S-Sgt. Victor Marino; Sgt. David G. Finlaw, Pvt. Leonard Sucker.

500 Heavies Lash At Friedrichshafen; Southern France Hit

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auder formation. Other targets were the Levenzo road bridge over the Var and the Taggia River bridge between Imperia and San Remo on the Riviera route.

It was not the first time French-flown Marauders have been over their homeland, but the operation won new praise for the French Air Force, which, it might be said, came of age during July's record-shattering operations by MAAF.

The Mitchells' targets were three big spans over the Var, ten miles south of Nice, on the main highway link between the south coast of France and the Rhone valley.

Northern Italy wasn't entirely neglected yesterday. Thunderbolts taking over the Medium bombers. They cut rail lines from Turin into France in a score of places, bombed half a dozen bridges with good results, strafed more than 60 rail cars and destroyed enemy aircraft on fields in that area. As close as the Thunderbombers got to France was a couple of bridges near the Italian border northeast of Nice.

From all reports from the fighter-escorted heavy bombers and the mediums very few enemy fighters were seen over France. A couple of Mustang pilots saw two, chased them to the deck and destroyed them near Avignon, 40 miles from the coast, where Liberators attacked two bridges and an oil storage area.

Given Purple Heart For World War I Wound

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—For a wound received in World War I while he was serving as a private in a gas regiment, a lieutenant colonel of the 1st Armored Division has been awarded the Purple Heart. The colonel has been packing an Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in World War II, but he had no spot on which to pin it. This situation has been cleared up. The Purple Heart was in lieu of the wound stripe authorized at the time of his first wound.

ACROSS ARNO

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troops about a mile from Monte Massa, "just south" of Incisa, and about a mile south of Impruneta. Across the Arno from Incisa, in the Prato Magno mountain mass, Allied troops were reported to be steadily pushing the enemy up the Arno gorge, with leading elements in sight of Subbiano, on Highway 71, about eight miles due north of Arezzo.

In spite of all gains reported there was plenty of evidence that the five German divisions below Florence had not been convinced they were licked.

Also the Krauts were going in for individual heroics, in which infantrymen jumped on Allied armored cars in attempts to drop grenades through the top, and another instance when a bazooka man stood his ground in the face of direct fire from a three-inch howitzer until he was eliminated.

Bilbo Progressing

ROCHESTER, Minn., Aug. 3—The condition of Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D., Miss.), who was operated for gall bladder yesterday, was reported by his physicians to be "very satisfactory."

L'IL ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)



THE TANKERS AND THE LADY



Lily Pons, the Metropolitan's petite coloratura, sings before a clearly enthusiastic audience of soldiers of the 1st Armored Division in Italy. Andre Kostelanetz, noted musical stylist, "guest conducted" the division's band. Miss Pons and Kostelanetz are currently touring the forward areas. (Army Pictorial Service Photos)

Anti-FDR Plot Revealed At Trial

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 — H. Victor Broenstrup, one of the 26 defendants in the mass sedition trial, suggested in 1941 that a campaign be launched to have President Roosevelt declared "unfit to be Commander in Chief" or else to have him impeached, two letters read to the jury revealed today.

The letters suggested that a campaign be conducted through the publication of articles in "Roll Call," a periodical then published by William Dudley Pelley, also a defendant.

The letters were admitted in evidence over the protest of Broenstrup, who confessed writing them but said "there was nothing to it—nothing ever came of it."

One letter dated Nov. 11, 1941, was written by Broenstrup, using his alias of Vcherep-Spiridovich, to Dr. William S. Bryant, New York.

It said: "We are laying the groundwork for a campaign in Roll Call urging impeachment of Roosevelt, but I would like to make a second attack or campaign urging a medical officer to declare him unfit to be Commander in Chief of our land and naval forces."

Sub-Arctic Air Bases Aiding European Hops

WINNIPEG, Canada, Aug. 3—Five large United States air bases in the sub-Arctic region around Hudson Bay and Baffin Land whose existence has been a military secret have provided aerial stepping stones for a route across the North Atlantic to Europe, it was disclosed today with word that Canadian officials soon will visit them to see how they will fit into postwar aviation plans.

Little information regarding the bases and the part they have played in getting supplies across the ocean has yet been divulged, but officials said the bases are at Pas and Churchill, Manitoba, Southampton Island in northern Hudson Bay; Probiher Bay off the east coast of Baffin Land and Port Chimo, off the south shore of Hudson Strait. Some parts of the fields are built over perpetual ice.

Rennes Falls To Yanks; French Drive Rolling On

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powerful blows of General Montgomery's armies, with no sign of a coordinated stand or prepared line.

An enthusiastic RAF wing commander describing the situation at Vire said: "Vire is surrounded and tank regiments are sitting on all the exit roads. The Hun is trying to hold onto his 'horseshoe' line west of Conde—but our advance has rushed him off his feet and it is now on the Russian scale."

To the west on the American sector, U. S. 1st Army troops have pushed southeast from recently captured Villedieu toward the road center of St. Pois, some ten miles away. That would put them approximately ten miles southwest of Vire, and if the American and British forces are able to effect a junction between these two towns, the enemy troops to the north would be trapped and faced with extinction.

Even the headquarters of Field Marshal von Kluge echoed the pessimism of the Nazi camp when a communique admitted that "the situation is critical for German forces on the western sector of the Normandy front."

Meanwhile, the British Army's General Miles C. Dempsey put a note of good cheer in his communique when he stated: "We have quite definitely broken through on a part of the front where no progress was made for some time. At the same time," he added soberly, "it should not necessarily be as-

sumed that because of that we automatically have our army on the road to Paris. We have broken through, but we must protect our flanks and tail."

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Allied ground commander, told a Reuter's correspondent the Allies had captured almost 100,000 Germans to date and said he was "satisfied and delighted with the whole thing."

Senate Finance Group Okays Employees' Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—A bill to bring 2,000,000 federal employees under the unemployment compensation benefit program was approved by the Senate Finance Committee today. Introduced by Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.) it would make government workers eligible for the same benefits now provided by state laws for other workers, and set up a federal loan fund from which the states could borrow if necessary.

The bill was handled quickly by the committee, being passed within 24 hours of its introduction, because it was looked upon by members as a phase of the postwar reconversion program, which is now uppermost in the minds of Congressmen. It would make ready for the discharge of thousands of government war workers at the war's end.

Rival bills are in the making which would give stronger federal control of the unemployment compensation program, assigning to Congress the right to fix uniform scales of benefits, under which the Treasury would reimburse the states for payments above the state rates.

Rex Refloated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 — The famed Italian luxury liner Rex, lying in Trieste harbor, has been refloated by the Germans in order to dismantle it and send scrap metal from it to Germany, a Swiss paper said today. The article did not indicate how or when the Rex was sunk.

By AL CAPP

Prisoners Killed By Enemy Captors

LONDON, Aug. 3—Nineteen Canadian prisoners were murdered in cold blood on June 8 by their Nazi captors, men of the 12th SS Panzer Division, it was officially reported from Normandy yesterday.

A court of inquiry which included officers of the British, American and Canadian Armies was held on the scene of the finding of the bodies, and the facts of the German atrocity were established.

The Canadians were men of the 3rd Canadian Division which fought southwards across the Caen-Bayeux Road two days after the landings, only to be driven back and lose a number of prisoners. Later the British, retaking the area, came upon the bodies.

Because of the suspicious appearance of the scene where the 19 bodies were grouped, an exhaustive investigation was made, which proved beyond any doubt that the men had been shot out of hand by the Germans, apparently without reason.

General H. D. G. Crerar, commander of Canadian forces, sent a message to all Canadian troops telling of the findings. "Our determination to avenge the death of our comrades," said General Crerar, "must not take the form of retaliation in kind. Instead Canadian anger must be converted into a steel-hard determination to destroy the enemy in battle."

Strategic Field Falls To Americans On Guam

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, South Pacific, Aug. 3—American forces on Guam have occupied a strategic airfield, smashing ahead despite stiffening Jap resistance, today's communique said. More than 7,000 Nips have been killed on Guam, against American casualties of about 1,000 killed and 5,000 wounded, it was announced.

Yank troops drove ahead about a mile on their front east of the Driniumor River in the Aitape-Wewak area of British New Guinea, where the 45,000 trapped Japs are reported to be nearing starvation. Far to the northwest on the tip of Dutch New Guinea, Americans were consolidating their positions on the beachhead they established this week.

750 German Fighters Bagged In One Month

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 3—July was a banner month for the Mediterranean Allied Air Force with 750 Nazi fighters destroyed against a loss of 476 Allied planes of all types, 306 of them heavy bombers. The toll of enemy rolling stock and mobile equipment, communications and oil installations was appraised as "tremendous."